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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. W. E. Cross has resigned at Peterboro, N.H., to accept a call to Franklin, N.H.

Rev. C. P. Wellman has accepted a call to Deerfield, Mass.

Rev. H. C. C. Carter has resigned at Urbana, Ill., and Rev. C. C. Helvie at Wheeling, W. Va.

Rev. W. C. Brown, Field Secretary of the Association, has charge for the present of the new church in Tulsa, Okla.

Rev. J. L. Krolfifer of the ministry-at-large, after a successful winter's work at Passaic, N.J., has been working for two weeks at Lawrence, Mass., and has now gone to take charge at Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Frank Gredler, who graduated at the Meadville Theological School in February, has accepted a call to East and West Bridgewater, Mass.

Buildings

Our fellowship is expecting to undertake, in the coming year, two exceptionally large, expensive, and important church building operations. All the resources of our fellowship must be availed of to complete as far as possible the long-cherished plans to build in Washington a beautiful and representative church. These plans were developed before the war, but had to come to a standstill during the last six years. Now they are again taking shape. The lot for the new church, secured in 1912, is no longer advantageously placed because of the character of the buildings that have recently been erected on adjoining properties. That lot was last year sold to good advantage and a splendid new property purchased on the top of the hill and fronting on Sixteenth Street, Harvard Street, and Fifteenth Street. This is one of the most conspicuous sites in all Washington.

During the past winter many conferences have been held between the officers of All Souls' Church and the committees of the Association. A competition for designs for the new building was determined upon and Professor Laird of the University of Pennsylvania was appointed to take charge of the competition. Designs were submitted by six architectural firms of high distinction. These designs were judged by a committee of distinguished architects consisting of Mr. Cass Gilbert, Mr. John Wynkoop, and Mr. Henry Bacon. The award by the committee was given to the design prepared by Coolidge and Shattuck. On April 16th the committee of the Asso-

ciation met in Washington with the local Trustees and approved and endorsed the award of the committee. It is hoped that the contracts can be let and construction begun this spring.

The other large building enterprise is for the West Side Unitarian Church in New York. The church has acquired five lots on Cathedral Parkway, which is West 110th Street, near the Subway Station at 110th Street and Broadway. This, again, is a commanding location and central to all parts of the Upper West Side. It is within a few blocks of Columbia University and adjacent to the great educational institutions on Morningside Heights. Designs have been prepared for a church and parish house. Of course the expense of land and building in New York is enormous. The church is endeavoring to raise a sufficient sum to build at least the first unit of the proposed church building and the Association has pledged generous support for the enterprise.

Encouraged by the prospect of some reduction in the costs of labor and materials, a number of societies are putting through or planning improvements in their church buildings. With the aid of the Association the church in Amherst, Mass., has added an attractive social hall and other facilities for social work. The Association has bought for the church in Greeley, Col., an admirably situated lot and the resources of the Society will permit the placing on this lot of a convenient and attractive church. The designs have been prepared by Mr. Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., and it is hoped that building will be started this month. The Association has purchased for the church in Niagara Falls, N.Y., a splendidly situated lot, but building operations must await further development of the resources of the Society. The church in Orlando, Fla., has planned a considerable enlargement and alteration of its church, and the Association has appropriated $5,000 for this undertaking. If the whole scheme is to be carried out, it will require the expenditure of twice that sum. The old parishes of Gloucester and Needham, Mass., are preparing considerable enlargements of their facilities. The old meeting-houses were not equipped with the parish houses which are required for the work of a modern church.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on May 24th. In recent years the annual address of the President has closed the morning session. This year the older custom will be adopted and the President's address will be given at 10.30 in the morning, at the opening of the session. This will be followed by the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer. Then there will be two brief addresses on "New Harvests from Old Fields" and "Seed-sowing in New Fields." The closing address of the session will be given by Mr. Simons on the work of the Department of Church Extension.

At the afternoon session will come the election of the officers and directors and at the end of the session the report of the Committee on Findings with appropriate action. The addresses of the afternoon session will be given by four distinguished representatives of our cause in other lands: Prof. Iso Abe of Waseda University in Tokio, who is the President of the Liberal Christian Association in Japan; Mr. Norbert F. Capek, who will speak of the situation in Czecho-Slovakia; Rev. Gabriel Csiki, who will speak on the conditions and prospects of the Unitarian churches in Transylvania; and finally Rev. John H. Weatherall of London, who will represent our British fellow-workers.

The Anniversary Sermon will be preached by Mr. Weatherall in the Arlington Street Church on Sunday evening, May 22d. Mr. Weatherall is the minister of the Essex Church in

London and one of the leading preachers in the Unitarian fellowship in Great Britain. It is an interesting circumstance that Rev. Dr. Paul R. Frothingham will be preaching at the same time the sermon before the British and Foreign Unitarian Association at the Essex Church. The exchange of these two distinguished preachers is a happy illustration of international good-will.

Department of Religious Education

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society will be held at Unity House, 7 Park Square, Boston, on the forenoon and afternoon of May 26. At the forenoon service Rev. William A. Marzolf will conduct the service of worship. The reports of the Clerk and the Treasurer of the Society, the appointment of committees and the election of officers for the ensuing year will follow. The Committee on Religion in the Home will report through Mrs. M. Louise C. Hastings and the Committee on Visual Instruction through Miss Ida Slade, of Flushing, N.Y. The President of the Society will then present his report and the forenoon session will be brought to a close with an address by Rev. E. Morris Fergusson, D.D., Secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association, on "The Basis of Protestant Christian Unity."

The afternoon session will begin at two o'clock with an address by Dr. Archibald T. Davison of Harvard University, on "Music in the Sunday-school." Prof. Walter S. Athearn of Boston University will speak on "Religious Education as a World-wide Enterprise." Mr. Carl B. Wetherell will give the closing address, on "What I Found on the Pacific Coast."

The Isles of Shoals Summer Institute for Religious Education, July 23d to August 6th, will be longer and fuller this year than ever before. The Laymen's League, which has assumed primary responsibility for this institute, is inviting every chapter in the League in the United States and Canada to send two delegates. Those who come in response to this generous offer, together with those who plan to come on their own account, promise to fill the hotel and cottages to their utmost capacity. Church-school workers and those preparing to become such are urged to apply for rooms as early as possible in order to make sure of securing accommodations. Such applications should be sent to Mr. V. D. Harrington, Andover, Mass. The program of this institute will be given in the June number of WORD AND WORK.

This year we are able to carry out a long-cherished plan, and hold an institute in religious education at Berkeley, Calif. This institute, which is being arranged in co-operation with President Earl M. Wilbur of the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry, will begin on June 6 and continue two weeks. The main lectures will be given by Prof. William F. Badé of the University of California, on the Old Testament, Rev. Harold E. B. Speight of Berkeley, who will treat the New Testament, Prof. Herbert F. Evans of the Pacific School, who will lecture on educational theory and methods of teaching religion, and Dr. William I. Lawrance, who will speak on organization, and the conduct of worship. Others will conduct classes in special methods in the teaching of pupils of the various grades. The meetings will be held in the beautiful Unitarian church in Berkeley.

Applications for scholarships from prospective students at the University of Chicago institute, in connection with the second term of the Summer Quarter at that institution, are beginning to come in. These scholarships will be fewer this year than last, and will be restricted to those definitely preparing for professional work in religious education, with the possibility

of being employed in the field among our churches.

This institute at Chicago, beginning July 28 and ending September 2, will be even richer than last year. Professor Soares will lecture again, on Principles of Religious Education, and on Education and Worship. Prof. Edwin D. Starbuck of the University of Iowa and for a time a member of this department, will lecture on The Materials of Religious Education and the Psychology of Religious Development. Applications for membership in the institute should be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, 25 Beacon Street. The fact that our students at Chicago will be associated with the Unitarian ministers who will attend the same term at the invitation of the Laymen's League provides an additional and highly important advantage to our students.

Plans are under way for an institute at Andover, N.H., June 27 to July 2, under the auspices of the New Hampshire Unitarian Association.

Dr. Lawrance has been invited to give five lectures to the Senior Class at Meadville, early in May, and two lectures on religious education at the Harvard Summer School of Theology, August 31 and September 1.

The Wayside Pulpit

The second week of April a new shipment of Wayside Pulpit sheets was sent out. The regular subscribers will use these from the middle of April till the end of June. There were eleven sheets in each roll, and they were numbered 180 to 190 inclusive.

The next shipment of sheets will be sent out in June to cover July and August and the first week of September. The mailing list for that shipment is now being prepared.

It is very important to keep the Wayside Pulpit in regular use during the summer months. There are more people on the streets in summer than in winter, and there is consequently an even larger opportunity to reach the public with the message of the Wayside Pulpit. The summer months are, however, the vacation period of the churches. Special arrangements should therefore be made to have some one who will see to the faithful posting of the sheets. The minister of a church should know before he goes on his vacation that his Wayside Pulpit will preach continuously in his absence.

Attention is called again to the Changeable Letter Device which may be added to any Wayside Pulpit. It contains an enamelled steel frame on which letters are placed to make local announcements. It comes complete, with letters and figures, ready for use. Combined with the Wayside Pulpit and the printed sheets it makes the most complete and effective means of church-door publicity that has yet been devised.

All communications relating to the Wayside Pulpit should be sent to Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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Saving Hungarian Children

Recent letters from Budapest bring news of the progress of the relief work there, for which an appeal was made in the February Word and Work; and photographs of the children at the formal opening of the Augusta Tulep Settlement in February show how well-cared-for the children have been under Mr. Hankinson and his staff of workers. Count Bethlen and other Hungarians were present on the day of the opening.

In this little community are two hundred and thirty-two Transylvanian families, with eight hundred and ninety-eight individuals, including two hundred and seventy-eight children. The families live here in separate rooms and have a much more comfortable existence than in the wagons. The state cannot provide schools for all these exiles, so Mr. Hankinson found it necessary to have the children taught sewing and carpentry as well as the regular subjects, if the saving was to be more than the saving of their bodies.

He writes: "The Transylvanian Refugee work progresses splendidly. Very few families are now in wagons. The Augusta Settlement is well organized with a proper day school, and teachers, its nurse and doctor, its daily feeding of the children, etc. The photograph will let you see what has been done, for already the children have improved in health, and one can recognize the clothing and wooden-soled boots presented by the Society of Friends Mission. It seems to me such a beautiful thing to find Unitarians and Quakers working together for their ideals of social service. If the children look less thin and less ragged and happier, the British League, The Alliance, and the Society of Friends may take a large share of the credit; but I must say the social workers among the Transylvanians themselves have given their support and their sympathy.

"A second refugee settlement, the Boczkay, was opened in March, and another is to be established. The children in the Barrack dwellings in the actual city are being visited by our nurse, who is paid for from the English and American fund."

The children have medical examination by a children's specialist, a friend of Mr. Hankinson, and the physician's orders are carried out by Mrs. Kozsma and the nurse. Extra food, when prescribed, is given to those who have been undernourished so long that they may contract tuberculosis: others, who show symptoms of the disease, are sent to sanatoriums. One large sanatorium for the tubercular is at Lake Balaton, a place we visited with Mr. Józan, when it was a summer resort. To obtain the extra food, cards with dates for punching have to be shown by the children. Twice a week the children have bread and cocoa; twice, bread and chocolate; and on two days, soup, and bread with "cocoanut grease." Clothing is also given as required.

Minutes of committee meetings, where details of the work are discussed, show Mr. Hankinson's power as an organizer, and his practical ability, yet revealing an aim always to help the individuals rather than to carry out any particular scheme. His wonderful power of helpfulness and his rare ability with boys is a source of great satisfaction to those who are simply looking on and providing the money.

This is a co-operative work, in which the Friends supply some things and

the Unitarians others. Mr. Hankinson is ever watchful of the needs of the Unitarians, not only these in the Settlement, but of the exiles in the city, either students or those in other occupations. "Here," he says, "are over one hundred of our finest Unitarian youths from Transylvania, mainly university students, or else younger lads at a high school, or training college, some living in wretched lodgings, and just wanting friendship, and good-will, and a means of coming together. One of these youths, a handsome, refined lad of seventeen years, son of a Unitarian minister in Transylvania (who died recently, leaving ten children), was found with sixteen other men and boys in a room so awful and unsightly that if I had been in London I should have gone directly to complain to our local municipal health department. I was haunted by the thought of this lad being in this terrible dwelling, and besides he seemed so lonely. He was deeply moved by the touch of sympathy, and wept manfully to be kindly received. I gave him a good feed, then made him take off his boots, and found his feet wet through. I gave him socks, boots, and clothing, and put him in a special hostel where I have reserved ten beds for Unitarian students. One boy had been sleeping on two planks in an office for months. Probably I shall soon be able to have a second room with ten beds. These rooms are fitted up by a private gift. But for the upkeep I shall want to come on your fund."

After several of these students had found friends at Mr. Hankinson's rooms, "the idea grew," he writes, "of forming a League of Friendship. A few students met in my room one Sunday afternoon, and we discussed the need of such a League. The next Thursday, about fifty Unitarian students came together in a lecture room kindly lent to us by the Rector of the Kolozsvár University, temporarily placed in a large building in Budapest. It was a great occasion to realize what our meeting meant to these youths, and soon we had officers elected. Then came the interesting part, for we all realized that the members had left home and native town, and were living as exiles in Budapest. Last Thursday we met again, and women students appeared. We have planned seven subsections: Health, Clothing, Lodgings, Reception, Correspondence, Recreation and Education." Each student has a card of membership, and the League promises to add much happiness to the lives of these lonely young people.

Few in this country understand what a sacrifice Mr. Hankinson's London church is making that he may carry this help and comfort to the Hungarians. His church is a poor one (financially, but not spiritually), and is bravely struggling on without its leader. One of the members, a business man, conducts the morning as well as the evening service, which all English churches have, besides several week-night meetings. Then some one must look after the two sessions of the Sunday-school which are held in England each Sunday.

The British League is also supporting this work most generously. Mrs. Bernard Allen of London, who forwards our contributions, writes, "This is a splendid help, not only financially, for the gifts bring with them your friendly sympathy, and we feel strengthened by your co-operation."

Mr. Hankinson wrote me: "You cannot think how grateful I am that The Alliance is joining in the fund, and letting it be realized that the English and American Unitarians desire to show the true spirit of friendship and goodwill. The more money I have, the more I can do on behalf of our Unitarian youths and the refugee families where there are children."

From the appeal printed in the *Register* and in Word and Work, I have received $2,044.87. Each gift has been

acknowledged, except those without address, or those requesting no acknowledgment; a list of the contributors can be found in the June number of WORD AND WORK. Many of the gifts have meant real sacrifice on the part of individuals, Sunday-schools, and Alliances. Would that I might tell of all these. The largest gift has come from Indianapolis, where the Alliance gave $125 and the Sunday-school $32. In acknowledging this generous gift, Mrs. Allen wrote, "Hungary and Indianapolis so far apart, and yet Christian sympathy has established a bond between them."

Further help for this work is needed to carry on what has been so finely begun. Contributions may be sent to me at The Ranelegh, Beacon and Mountfort Streets, Boston, Mass.

MARTHA EVERETT ST. JOHN.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1921, 10 A.M.
Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

Thirty-first annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of other business. The list of candidates is enclosed for officers and directors, a nominating committee, a committee on credentials, and an auditing committee.

Accredited delegates and life members must present credentials. Delegates unable to be present may send credentials and ballots before the meeting to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. No ballot will be counted unless accompanied by the credential duly signed.

Kindly note that credential cards are enclosed with this call.

Delegates should be chosen according to the By-Laws, Articles III and XI.

Seats will be reserved for delegates and life members until 9.55 o'clock. Collection for our missionary work. Addresses by Mr. Charles H. Strong, New York, N.Y., President of the Unitarian Laymen's League, and Rev. Augustus P. Reccord of Detroit, Mich.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1921, 2 P.M.
Second Church, Boston, Beacon Street and Audubon Road
(Take Beacon Street car in the Subway)

Conference on Alliance Work and Opportunities, conducted by Miss Lowell, President. Mrs. Davis will speak.

Conference open to presidents of branches within forty miles of Boston. If a president is unable to be present, she may appoint a substitute. From branches more than forty miles from Boston, all visiting members, whether delegates or not, may attend. Admission is by ticket only. Application for tickets should be made to Alliance Headquarters, Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, before the day of the meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1921.
Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

11.00 A.M. Cheerful Letter Conference.

1.30 P.M. Junior Fellowship Conference.

Bulfinch Place Church

2.30 P.M. Post Office Mission Conference.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

APRIL 25, 1921.

Copies of the call and the ballot have been mailed to all branches and to life members. These together with the credential cards, duly signed by the branch secretary, should be given to delegates in time to admit of their sending ballot and credential by mail, if they cannot be present May 25. If any branch that has a local membership fee wishes to make one of its local members a delegate, it has only to make her a national member by paying the difference between the local fee and one dollar and sending one-third of this amount to the general treasury.

The ballot will not have to be marked with a cross, but may be handed to the tellers as printed, unless the voter wishes to write another name in place of the given candidate.

If the number of credentials sent to any branch is not in keeping with the present membership (one for each thirty members), word should be sent to the Recording Secretary at once.

Will delegates be prepared to show their credentials at the door? It is to be remembered that all who are interested will be welcome at the business meeting whether delegates or not.

In order that the afternoon conference may be helpful and constructive, presidents are asked to bring questions or to send them in advance to The Alliance.

Executive Board

The 328th meeting was held Friday, April 8, Miss Lowell presiding; twenty-nine were present. Greetings from Mrs. Davis were brought by Miss Lowell, who in order to be present at the Board meeting had come by night train from Lancaster, Pa., where she and Mrs. Davis attended a session of the Philadelphia League April 7.

After the devotional service the President reported visits to Melrose, Mass., to Montclair for a meeting of the New Jersey Associate Alliance, to Trenton, N.J., and to Lancaster, Pa. The President brought enthusiastic report of these meetings.

The Treasurer's statement showed returns from many branches. It is expected that all the Appeals will be answered before the annual meeting. Two new life members are: Mrs. Mary A. B. Snell, Billerica, Mass.; Miss Anne Morton, Fall River, Mass. *In memoriam* have been placed the names of Mrs. Ellen Bailey Locke, Watertown, Mass., by the Second Church, Boston; Miss Florence White, Dorchester, Mass., by the Evening Alliance of Greater Boston; Mrs. Sybil C. Pettee, by Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. Wm. N. Arnzen, Fall River, Mass., by her daughter, Mrs. Leonard S. Chace.

It was voted to authorize the Post Office Mission committee to send to branch presidents where there is no Post Office Mission a letter which is being issued to local committees about co-operative advertising. The collected money will pay for three times as much space as is ordinarily used, the notice will have a prominent heading to attract attention, and it will appear in one or more magazines or papers every month from October to April inclusive. The names of applicants will be assigned to the several co-operating committees.

There are now 517 subscribers for Word and Work, a decided gain over the past two years.

Twenty-one books have been loaned from the Circulating Library for a Unitarian shelf at Radcliffe College. Rev. E. Rosalind Lee, who selected the books, will give a talk about them to the group of Unitarian students she has drawn together.

On the recommendation of the International committee it was voted to ask Mrs. Claude U. Gilson to carry the greetings of the Executive Board to the groups of religious liberals she may meet in Europe this summer.

The Fellowship committee reported 118 Fellowship members enrolled. Miss Hargrove of the British League will speak for Fellowship on the trip she and Miss Lee are to take to Meadville, Buffalo, Ithaca, Rochester, Syracuse, and Troy. The Friendly Links committee has the names of twenty English girls to be linked; 228 links have already been made.

Good reports have been received of the success of our two Sunday-school workers, Miss Phillips and Mrs. Smith; the latter was able to start a school in Memphis, Tenn., with a superindent and four teachers. About eight hundred persons attended the Easter Pageant given at Memphis under Mrs. Smith's direction.

A communication was received from the Meadville District Associate Alliance, recently assembled at Pittsburgh, Pa., asking the Executive Board to discuss the advisability of the separate branch assuming as a group a definite stand in matters of citizenship. This includes the question of an Alliance as a body joining a City or State Federation. After discussion it was voted: The Executive Board after consideration of the question referred by the Meadville District Associate Alliance puts on record its opinion that action with regard to citizenship is for local determination and should be left to each branch.

The report of the Travel committee showed that Board members have been sent to the Meadville Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., and to the Southern Conference at New Orleans, La. Mrs. John H. Lewis, Vice-President, has, in addition to attending the Southern Conference, visited Charleston, S.C., Jacksonville, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn.; a most welcome visitor everywhere.

Greetings were voted to Mrs. W. B. Nichols, chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange, with wishes for her speedy recovery from grippe.

Greetings were voted to the Leominster Evening Alliance through Mrs. Ware, and to the Worcester Evening Alliance, through Mrs. Beatley.

Announcement was made of the formation on March 4, at Los Angeles, of the Associate Alliance of Southern California; *Sec.* and *Treas.*, Mrs. Harry E. Fisher, 5139 Monte Vista Street, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Richardson, director for Wisconsin, was welcomed to her first Board meeting. At her suggestion greetings were voted to the group of Unitarian women at Evansville, Wis. More visitors to the West, is Mrs. Richardson's plea.

Special greetings were voted to the branch at Buda, Ill.

Reports were received from every Western state, only a few branches missing. Massachusetts reports were concluded.

The next meeting will take place May 20, just preceding the Anniversaries.

Caroline S. Atherton,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowhip

The leader of one of our Junior groups writes, "We have been meeting every Monday until this past month, when we have had to stop our meetings on account of extra work in our day schools," etc. Let us think of this in making plans for Junior work next season; our girls have so many interests in these days. Would it not be wiser to plan for a monthly meeting and have good attendance rather than to try to meet oftener and perhaps be obliged to give up the meetings altogether?

St. Louis, Mo. We have been sewing for a day nursery this winter, and have made a fine rag rug, which is to be sent to Shelter Neck school as soon as the members of the Alliance have seen it. The girls help at the Sunday-school parties, and are to take part in a pageant which the Sunday-school will give the Sunday after Easter. At Christmas time we raised money by selling Christmas cards. This money purchased the materials used in our sewing and also three Christmas dinners for poor families. Next year the majority of this group will be away at college, so we shall have to try to recruit some more from a younger set.

Charleston, S.C. This new group is known as the Helping Hands, a name which has been passed down to them by the Alliance branch. Their first meeting was held early in February with fourteen members present, and now they have twenty-four. They visit the sick, carrying fruit, etc. They made valentines which they sold at a valentine party, and they sold candy also, making over eight dollars. They

have had a picnic, and are planning an Easter-egg hunt. Five dollars was voted towards the expense of sending the branch president to the Southern Conference.

The Conference, planned by this committee for all interested in Junior work, will be held in Channing Hall, on Thursday, May 26, at 1.30 P.M.

Notes from the Branches

From Berkeley, Calif.: It is a pleasure to call attention to the purpose of the branch: "The object of the Alliance is to deepen the spiritual life of all women in Berkeley who are interested in the cause of liberal religion, and to unite them in closer fellowship and more fruitful co-operation."

New York League

The fifth meeting of the year was held in the parish house of Community Church, March 4, with the Messiah Branch. Miss Emma C. Low described the needs and opportunities of Southern Circuit work, for which a collection was taken. Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, Secretary of the Unitarian Temperance Society, spoke of the great hope for better conditions, moral and physical, with the enforcement of Prohibition. Rev. Edgar S. Wiers of Montclair, N.J., gave many good points on the duty, necessity, and possibility of making our churches popular.

The sixth meeting took place in the Fourth Unitarian Church, Flatbush, April 1, Mrs. Wiers presiding. After the annual reports Miss Ida Slade appealed for our cause at Nashville, Tenn., speaking of the devotion of minister and people and of the encouraging growth of the movement. A collection was taken for Nashville.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, Recording Secretary of The Alliance, gave an account of Unitarian work in college centres, recalling the part taken by the New York League in helping the beginnings at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The Alliance has for several years contributed to the salaries of student secretaries in different colleges. This year it has a small share in the excellent work which is being carried on at Berkeley, Calif., where through the Channing Club our own young people show their loyalty in various ways, and at the same time the minister, Rev. Harold E. B. Speight, presents our message to students to whom it is wholly new, a wonderful challenge. The Laymen's League has taken up this work with characteristic vigor and enthusiasm.

In Memoriam

In the little chapel at Swansboro, N.C., two new lights, one a centre lamp and one at the side of the pulpit, have been placed by the Alliance of Arlington, Mass., in loving memory of Mrs. James A. Bailey, a devoted member who was keenly interested in our work in North Carolina and in Rev. John L. Robinson, minister at Swansboro for the past eight years.

The Sale for the house renovation at the Isles of Shoals will be held at 16 Beacon Street, Boston, May 25, from 12.30 to 6 P.M. Fancy and useful articles, baby garments, aprons, and candy will be on sale. A large attendance is desired.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, May 2, at 10.30 A.M. Conference on Alliance problems. Questions answered by special "speakers."

Appeals stand as follows:

Sunday-school Worker	$215
Nashville	100
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Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Y. P. R. U.

On May 28, 1896, delegates representing seventy-five Guilds, Unity Clubs, Fraternities, Lend a Hand Clubs, and similar young people's societies met together in the Second Church of Boston (then located in Copley Square) for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Young People's Religious Union.

Thus was realized the ideal of having our Unitarian young people united in a great purpose, banded together in the knowledge of the truth and in the spirit of devotion for the service of the world.

We hold in honor and love the name of Rev. Edward A. Horton, chairman of the committee appointed at the National Conference at Washington in 1895 to investigate and report on the proposed movement. Always he has been a friend of the young people, and we rejoice in Dr. Horton's interest in us to-day.

At the close of a quarter of a century of continued existence, the National Young People's Religious Union stands as the working agent for the individual Unions, offering a channel and a definite field of larger service to the scattered and single societies. It has the vision and the power to strengthen and deepen the allegiance of the young people in the Unitarian church of the future, and, thanks to the generous contribution of $5,000 for immediate use received from the Campaign Committee, it is equipped to send forth with renewed vigor its message of Truth, Worship, and Service through its working force of a Field Secretary on the Pacific Coast, one in the Middle West, and an Office Secretary, all under the guidance of the General Field Secretary with headquarters in Boston.

We shall celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary with a public meeting at Unity House, on Wednesday, May 25, at 7.30 P.M. There will be a devotional service conducted by the young people, with a Young People's Chorus composed of members of local Unions, under the leadership of William Ellis Weston. Addresses will be made by

Rev. Thomas Van Ness.
Miss Adeline B. Pfleghaar.
Rev. Frederick May Eliot,

Secretary of the Y. P. R. U.

Annual Meeting

The Twenty-fifth Annual Business Meeting will be held on Friday, May 27, at the Second Church of Boston, corner of Beacon Street and Audubon Road.

There will be a devotional service at three o'clock, followed by the business meeting for the annual reports, election of officers, and all other business. At six o'clock a supper will be served to the delegates through the courtesy of the Boston Federation and the South Middlesex Federation. The Entertainment committee is planning an interesting program for the evening, in order that the delegates may become acquainted, and through the representatives present hear of the activities of the local Societies. We hope that all affiliated Unions (those who have sent in the contribution to the National Treasury before the close of the fiscal year, April 30) will send three delegates.

We want to make this our Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting a success, and this can be accomplished only by a full representation of all our Societies.

Delegates coming from a distance will be entertained over night. Application may be made to Miss Olga Clark, 26 Gray Street, Cambridge, Mass.

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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

The Annual Business Meeting of the Unitarian Temperance Society, Monday, May 23, at 2 P.M., in the Vestry of the Arlington Street Church. Forty-five minutes will be given over to the discussion of

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Drunkenness
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in last year

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Drunkenness
Decreased 60%
Since 1917

Note also that the *Atlantic Monthly* for April publishes an article on "Relative Values in Prohibition," in which the author says, "National Prohibition has been an artificial and unhealthy growth," and, "The defender of National Prohibition puts a heavy accent on the future, as he must do in the face of the present widespread violation of the law."

What is the answer?

The Unitarian Temperance Society has arranged to have five ten-minute addresses from experts who by profession collect and analyze data showing human conditions. They will present authentic first-hand material as to the actual results of Prohibition. The names thus far include Hon. Sanford Bates, Commissioner of Correction for Massachusetts, Herbert C. Parsons, Deputy Commissioner of Probation, John H. Nichols, M.D., Supt., State Infirmary, Tewkesbury, Mass., Wm. H. Pear, Ex.-Sec'y. Boston Provident Association, and Rev. E. S. Wiers of Montclair.

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